

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	543



1 Lexington  
ress 41 Pleasant Street  
toric Name Curtis Capell House

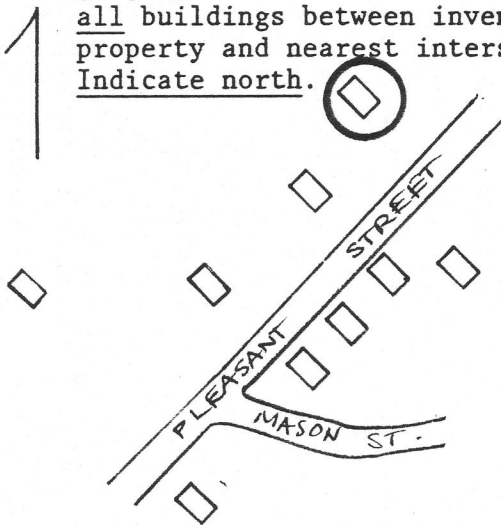
Present residential  
Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

te 1857  
Source inscription on house

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Style Greek Revival/Italianate  
Architect Curtis Capell, builder  
Exterior wall fabric shingles  
Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) Modern  
additions at rear

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 1.8 A.

Setting Set back from the street, now  
hidden by evergreens, on a rise to the  
west of Pleasant Street.

Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This substantial Greek Revival structure was very likely designed by its builder, Curtis Capell, who built many houses in East Lexington in the second two quarters of the nineteenth century. There is a simple Greek Revival frontispiece.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

Curtis Capell (b. 1806, d. 1881) built the house in 1857, an inscription in the house tells us. Capell came to Lexington from Groton in 1832. His first job was to help build the East Lexington Branch Library in 1833. In addition to this building, he was responsible for the alterations to the Morell Dana house in 1839, and he built the Universalist Church in East Lexington (now demolished), the residences of E.P. Nichols, Alex Wilson, Mr. Charles Brown and Mrs. Mitchell, and doubtless other structures that went up in East Lexington in the 1830s during its period of greatest economic growth. Capell seems of have been the most prolific carpenter in East Lexington, followed by Isaac Buttrick who lived adjacent on Pleasant Street. The house remained in the Capell family until the twentieth century.

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1853 map

1875 atlas

1889 atlas

1898 atlas

1906 atlas